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As a technician involved with personal computers almost since their conception, I have seen many excesses committed by Microsoft. In today's world, the 'theft' of code involved in DOS 1.0 would probably have resulted in criminal charges.

Microsoft is often portrayed as 'BORG' from the Star Trek TV series. This is not far from true. For example when MS decided to add internet connection sharing to their product did they develop it? No, they 'innovated' by finding the small company with the most compatible product (I believe there were five products on the market) and bought them. The other four companies (I believe) are gone now as are their competing products.

Microsoft ***MUST*** be reigned in. Oversight of purchases (done with money that should have gone to investors in the form of dividends) should be in place to insure that they do not continue to stifle true innovation by buying and incorporating technologies to the detriment of other companies and ultimately the buying public which is robbed of choice.